



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Commonwealth Transportation Board

**THROUGH:** Thelma Drake  
Agency Director

**FROM:** Kevin Page  
Chief of Rail Transportation

**DATE:** April 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Amtrak Performance Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly performance report for Amtrak service in Virginia, summarizing February 2010 performance data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with Amtrak to refine data and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on February 2010 results and a year-over-year comparison of trends for February 2010 and February 2009.

### Key Facts

- Statewide year over year comparisons<sup>1</sup>:
  - Virginia statewide Amtrak ridership for February 2010 decreased four percent as compared to February 2009, to 63,758.
  - Statewide on-time performance for all Amtrak trains in Virginia decreased 30.2 percent to 46.5 percent in February 2010 as compared to February 2009.
  - Severe winter storms throughout February 2010 impacted Amtrak service throughout Virginia.
  - The Northern Virginia district accounts for the majority of Amtrak ridership at 40.1 percent, and the district with the greatest increase in ridership for February 2010 as compared to February 2009 is the Lynchburg district at 78 percent or 1,364 additional passengers.
  - February 2010 included the same number of weekdays and weekend days as February 2009.
- Statewide station comparisons:
  - Top five Virginia stations by total number of passengers in February 2010:

1. Lorton	16,239
2. Staples Mill	13,809
3. Alexandria	7,270
4. Newport News	6,254
5. Charlottesville	5,465
  - Top five Virginia stations by percentage of passenger growth in February 2010 as compared to February 2009:

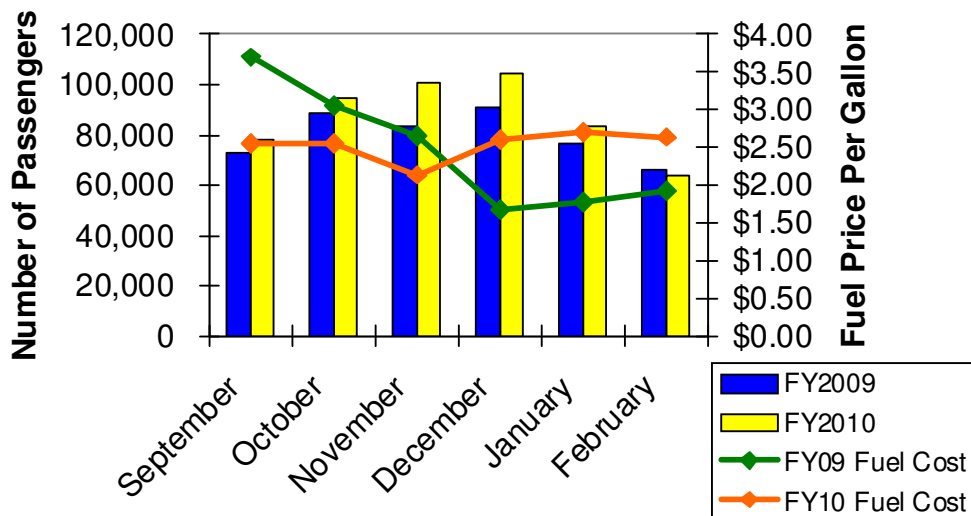
1. Lynchburg	97%
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2.	Culpeper	37%
3.	Manassas	33%
4.	Charlottesville	23%
5.	Danville	9%

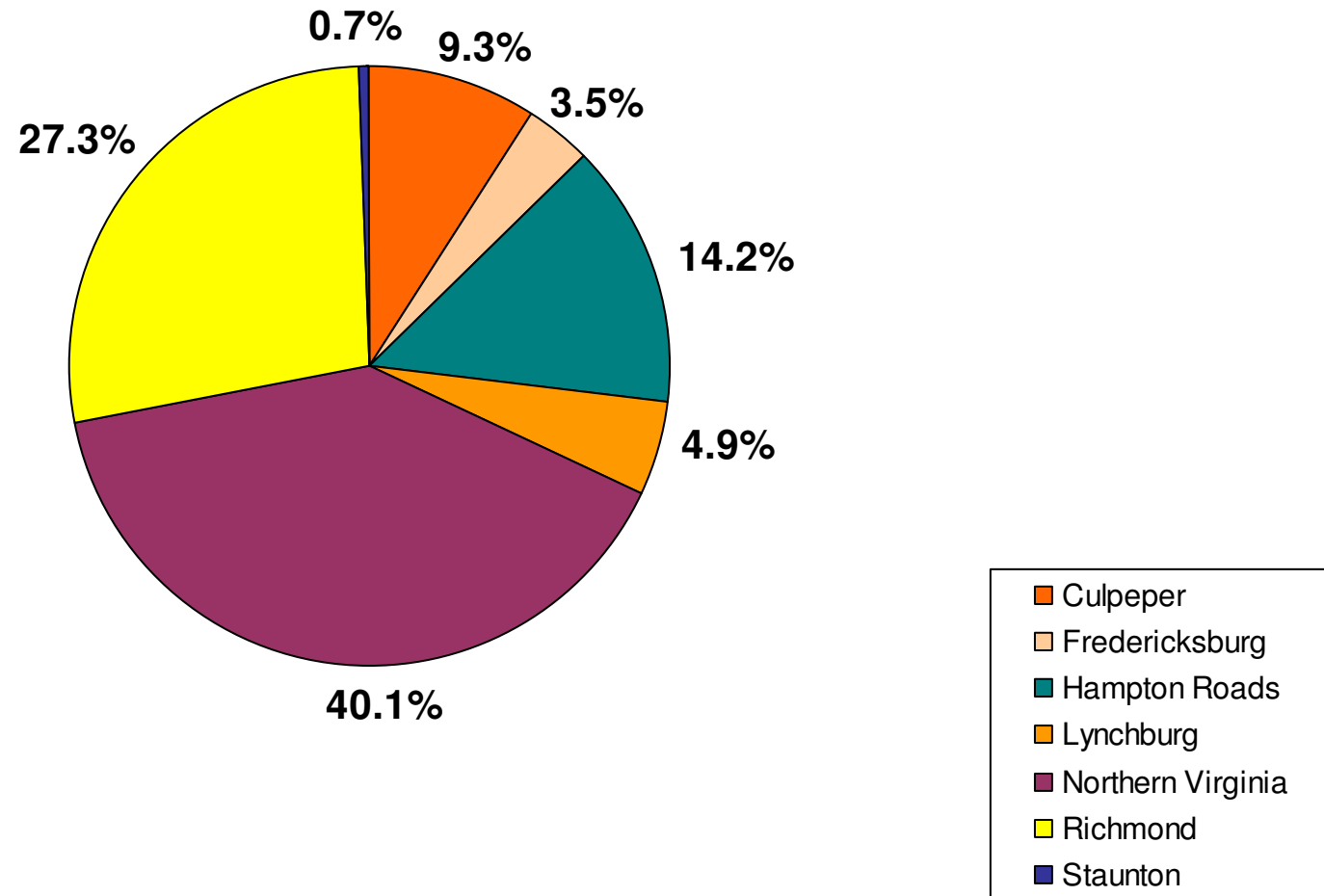
- Virginia-sponsored Amtrak service:
  - Lynchburg route service began October 1, 2009
  - Total Lynchburg route ridership credited to Virginia in February 2010 was 6,192, exceeding the monthly target of 3,920 by 57.9 percent.
  - Total Lynchburg route revenue credited to Virginia in February 2010 was \$302,047.03 exceeding the monthly target of \$197,932 by 52.6 percent.
  - The 78.3 percent on-time performance for the Lynchburg route exceeded the statewide average of 46.5 percent in February 2010.
  - Similar to transit ridership patterns, Amtrak ridership in Virginia fluctuates seasonally and as these monthly ridership reports are developed, seasonal trends will be tracked.
  - Top five bi-directional city pairs for the new Lynchburg route in February 2010:
 

1.	Charlottesville—Washington, D.C.	1,150
2.	Lynchburg—Washington, D.C.	742
3.	Charlottesville—New York	726
4.	Lynchburg—New York	423
5.	Alexandria—Charlottesville	240

## FY2010 Amtrak Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

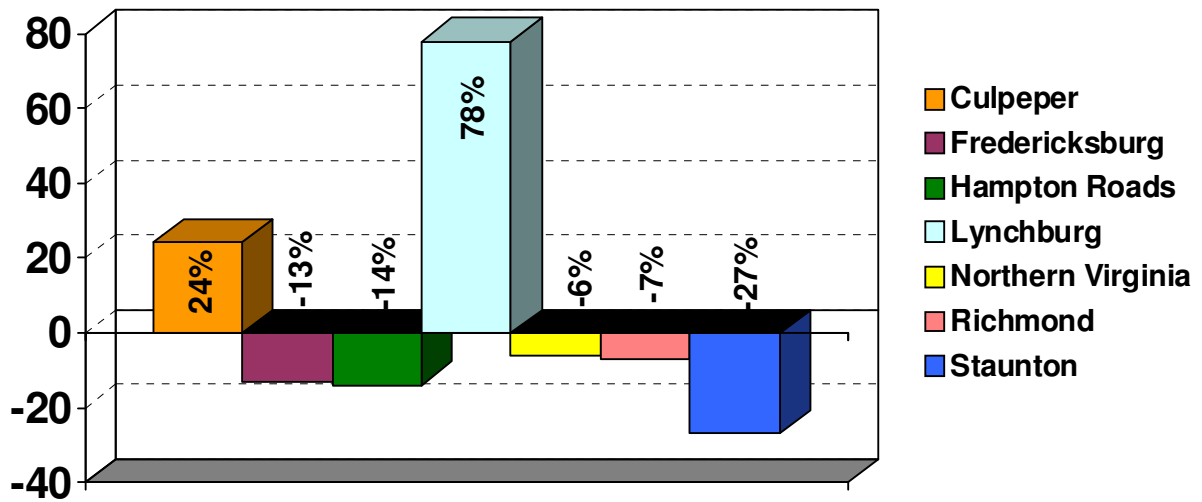


## February 2010 Amtrak Ridership by District



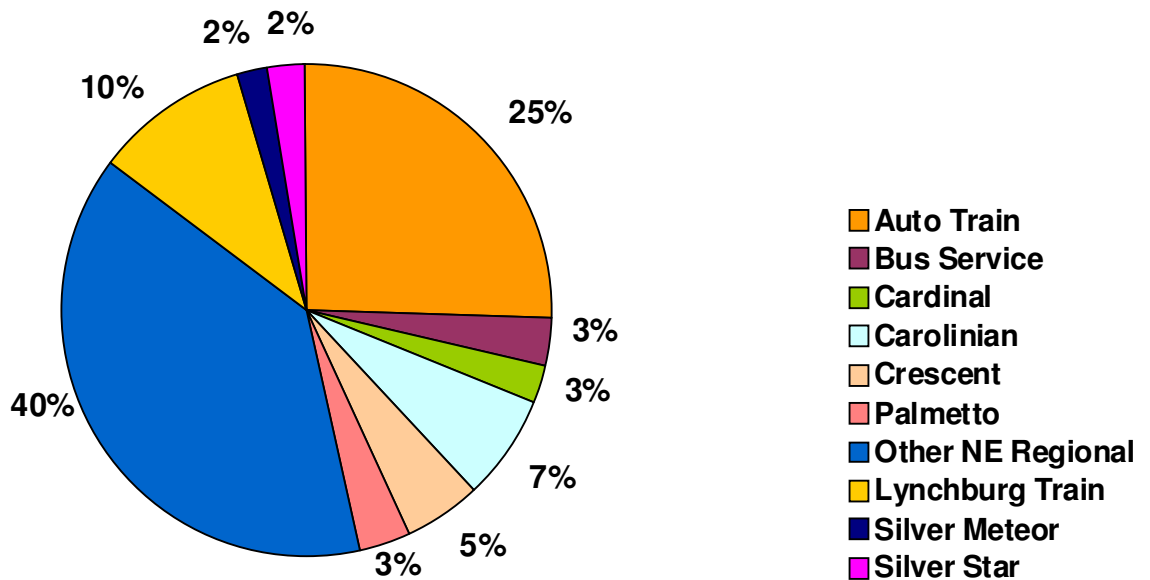
The Salem and Bristol districts are excluded because they currently do not have Amtrak service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

## Percentage Ridership Change By District February 2009 vs. February 2010



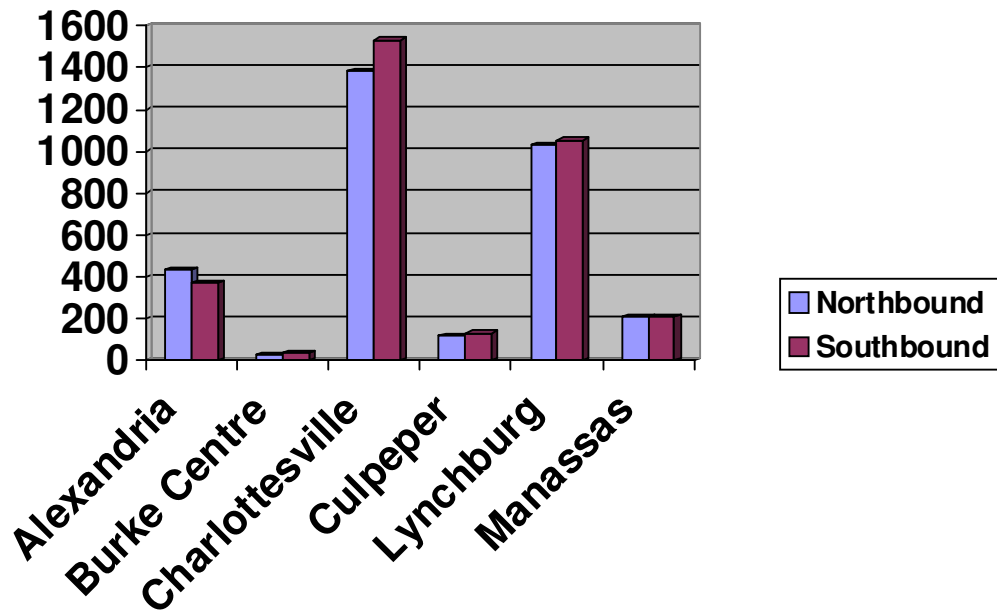
Statewide Amtrak ridership decreased 4 percent

## February 2010 Statewide Amtrak Ridership By Service

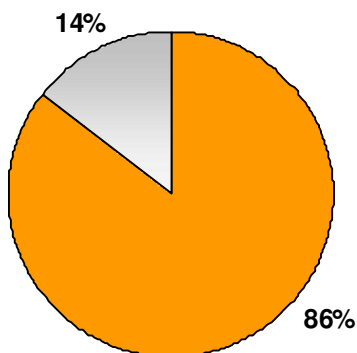


Total I-95 corridor: 82%, Total I-81/Route 29 corridor: 18%

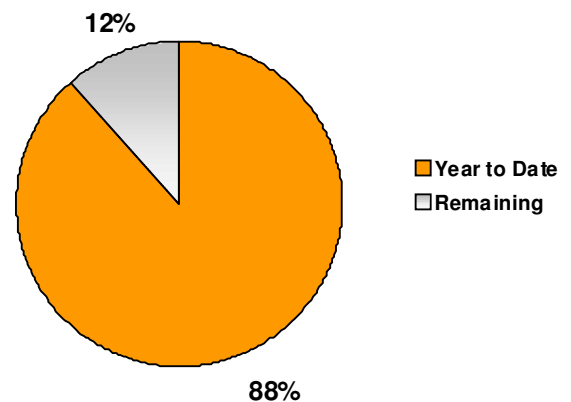
## February 2010 Ridership Direction New Lynchburg Service



## New Lynchburg Route Progress Toward Annual Goals February 2010



**Ridership**  
Year to date: 43,660  
Annual goal: 51,000



**Revenue**  
Year to date: \$ 2,276,047.47  
Annual goal: \$2,580,000

## February 2010 Amtrak Virginia Performance Report

Transportation District	Total Passengers February 2010	Total Passengers February 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - February 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - February 2009)	Percent Change
<b>Culpeper District</b>						
Charlottesville (CVS)	5,465	4,432	23%	50,158	38,864	29%
Culpeper (CLP)	444	324	37%	4,430	3,288	35%
<b>Culpeper District Total</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>4,756</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>54,588</b>	<b>42,152</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Fredericksburg District</b>						
Fredericksburg (FGB)	2,206	2,525	-13%	28,283	27,503	3%
<b>Fredericksburg District Total</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>28,283</b>	<b>27,503</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Hampton Roads District</b>						
Newport News (NPN)	6,254	6,699	-7%	88,255	88,271	0%
Norfolk Bus Stop (NFK)	550	619	-11%	7,831	7,509	4%
Virginia Beach Bus Stop (VAB)	246	273	-10%	5,147	5,384	-4%
Williamsburg (WBG)	2,027	3,020	-33%	31,217	33,032	-5%
<b>Hampton Roads District Total</b>	<b>9,077</b>	<b>10,611</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>132,450</b>	<b>134,196</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Lynchburg District</b>						
Danville (DAN)	409	374	9%	5,866	3,923	50%
Lynchburg (LYH)	2,702	1,373	97%	24,197	15,258	59%
<b>Lynchburg District Total</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>30,063</b>	<b>19,181</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Northern Virginia District</b>						
Alexandria (ALX)	7,270	7,472	-3%	84,216	79,541	6%
Burke Centre (BCV) <sup>2</sup>	64	n/a	n/a	72	n/a	n/a
Franconia-Springfield (FRS)	110	156	-29%	1,698	1,892	-10%
Lorton (LOR)	16,239	17,783	-9%	156,507	150,931	4%
Manassas (MSS)	773	582	33%	7,536	5,981	26%
Quantico (QAN)	781	876	-11%	10,144	9,854	3%
Woodbridge (WDB)	353	373	-5%	4,318	4,426	-2%
<b>Northern Virginia District Total</b>	<b>25,590</b>	<b>27,242</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>264,491</b>	<b>252,625</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Richmond District</b>						
Ashland (ASD)	932	968	-4%	11,823	10,844	9%
Main Street (RVM)	1,450	1,425	2%	17,272	16,086	7%
Petersburg (PTB)	1,233	1,421	-13%	14,809	13,650	8%
Staples Mill (RVR)	13,809	14,845	-7%	165,922	166,405	0%
<b>Richmond District Total</b>	<b>17,424</b>	<b>18,659</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>209,826</b>	<b>206,985</b>	<b>1%</b>

	Total Passengers February 2010	Total Passengers February 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - February 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - February 2009)	Percent Change
<b>Transportation District</b>						
<b>Staunton District</b>						
Clifton Forge (CLF)	118	197	-40%	2,282	2,740	-17%
Staunton (STA)	323	404	-20%	3,827	3,946	-3%
<b>Staunton District Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>6,109</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>TOTAL STATEWIDE PASSENGERS</b>	<b>63,758</b>	<b>66,141</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>725,810</b>	<b>689,328</b>	<b>5%</b>
	Total Passengers February 2010	Total Passengers February 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - February 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - February 2009)	Percent Change
<b>Ridership By Service<sup>3</sup></b>						
Auto Train	16,239	17,783	-9%	156,507	150,931	4%
Bus Service	2,047	2,548	-20%	31,358	32,694	-4%
Cardinal	1,609	2,386	-33%	21,409	23,202	-8%
Carolinian	4,328	4,676	-7%	45,032	44,305	2%
Crescent	3,270	5,385	-39%	37,271	53,227	-30%
New Lynchburg Service <sup>3</sup>	6,536	n/a	n/a	46,214	0	n/a
Other Northeast Regional	24,661	27,036	-9%	324,153	324,911	0%
Palmetto	2,161	2,391	-10%	26,311	23,676	11%
Silver Meteor	1,331	1,405	-5%	14,807	14,548	2%
Silver Star	1,576	1,831	-14%	21,163	20,857	1%
<b>TOTAL RIDERSHIP BY SERVICE</b>	<b>63,758</b>	<b>65,441</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>724,225</b>	<b>688,351</b>	<b>5%</b>
	February 2010	February 2009	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - February 2010)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - February 2009)	Percent Change
<b>On-Time Performance<sup>4</sup></b>						
Statewide	46.5%	66.6%	-30.2%	58.7%	56.7%	3%
New Lynchburg Service	78.3%	n/a	n/a	80.6%	n/a	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Passenger data does not directly correspond to Virginia ridership credit on state-sponsored trains.

<sup>2</sup> A new Amtrak stop was added for the new Lynchburg route January 2010 at Burke Centre in Fairfax County.

<sup>3</sup> By service data does not account for other Amtrak trains operated in addition to regularly scheduled Virginia service.

<sup>4</sup> Statewide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance is calculated as an average of the year-to-date data. On-time performance for the new Lynchburg service is available from the month the service started (October 2009) and forward.